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Our Story So Far...

The Star Slammers, a race of space faring mercenaries, have been hired to destroy Sky, a village in the Sporades, one of the outlying planetary systems of the Minoan Empire on the distant Galactic Rim.

The operation meets with unexpected resistance and a single Star Slammer, Commander Rojas, is captured by the Empire. Drugged and shackled, Rojas is taken aboard the pre-owned starship, Meredith, and hauled back to the Minoan Capitol of Knossos to be put on trial for war crimes. He is heavily guarded by Colonel Phaedra and the Space Bulls of Team Nova.

An assassin, agent of a mysterious conspiracy, infiltrates the security system, kills the guards and attempts to kill Rojas.

He fails and is in turn killed by the Slammer who escapes his confinement. Phaedra and her Space Bulls search the enormous Meredith and finally locate Rojas. In the pursuit that follows, Rojas and Phaedra are cut off from the rest of the Bulls and suddenly find themselves face to face with several heavily armored warriors who apparently have boarded the Meredith to kill the Slammer! And Colonel Phaedra as well!

There also seems to be an ally of the late assassin still aboard the Meredith, codename Songbird! Phaedra suspects the presence of a telepathogen, a particularly deadly specimen of telepath. Her own telepath, 13-year-old Rensselaer Lustgarten (nicknamed Vidiot), has been neutralized and is now a deadhead. Like most of us. And now...

**Part Three of The Minoan Agendas—
THE INVADERS!**

IT WAS THREE VERY
LARGE GUYS IN
HARDENED SPACE
ARMOR...

HEY!

...AGAINST A FOUR-
FOOT-TALL **COLONEL**
FROM TEAM NOVA...

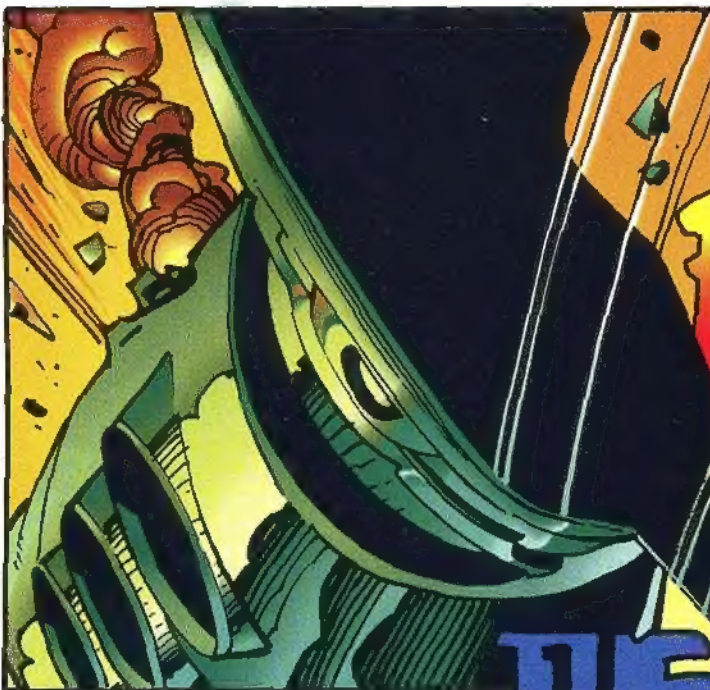
...AND AN
UNARMED **STAR
SLAMMER**.







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AGENDAS



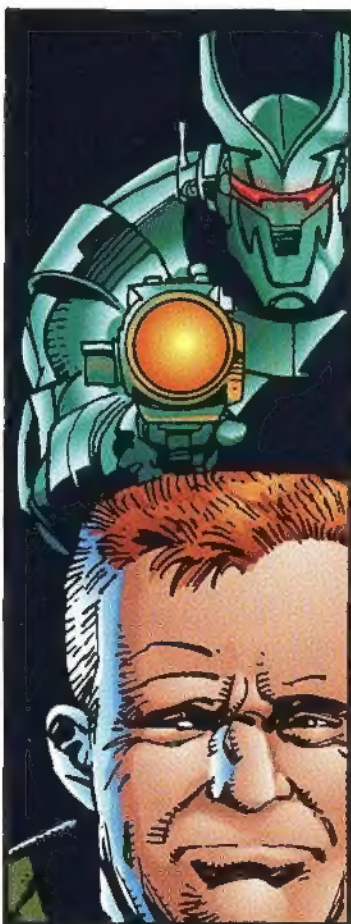
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chapter three:

THE INVADERS!



IT WASN'T
EVEN
CLOSE.



COMMANDER!
DUCK!



BUT I DID SAVE YOUR LIFE FIRST.

HOW ABOUT TURNING AROUND WHILE I EJECT IN A LIFE-POD?

NO. FOR THREE REASONS.

FIRST, I'D HAVE FAILED IN MY DUTY AND THE EMPEROR WOULD SKIN ME ALIVE.

SECOND, IT WOULDN'T GIVE ME A CHANCE TO EVEN THE SCORE.



THAT WAS WELL DONE.

AND
THIRD
?

THOSE CLOWNS
DESTROYED THE
EJECT MECHANISM
WHEN THEY BLEW
THEIR WAY IN HERE.
YOU'RE GOING
NOWHERE.

COLONEL
PHAEDRA!
COLONEL
PHAEDRA!

WHAT IS IT,
LIEUTENANT
ACKER?

SHIP'S BEING
ATTACKED, SIR!
MULTIPLE
ENTRY
SITES.

SMALL GROUPS
OF HIGHLY-TRAINED
COMMANDOS ARE ALL
OVER US! WE'RE TRYING
TO HOLD 'EM, BUT WE
--SQUACCKK!

ACKER!
ACKER!

KALI! THIS IS
PHAEDRA! YOU AND
STARK GET YOUR
MEN TO THE
BRIDGE AND
HOLD IT!

AND
WHY
SHOULD
I?

BECAUSE
THE NEAREST
LIFEPOD BAY
IS ON THE FAR
SIDE OF THE
COMMUNICATIONS
CORE!

GOOO
REASON.

THE
MEREDITH'S
UNDER
ATTACK!

WE'RE
THERE,
SIR!

GRAB
ONE OF THOSE
CRACKERJACKS AND
START BURNING
THROUGH THE WALL
OF DEBRIS,
COMMANDER!
WE'VE GOT TO
GET OUT
OF HERE!

SHRAK!



AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...

WE'RE THROUGH! COME ON!

COLONEL--



COMMANDER, YOU CAN COME WITH ME OR WE'LL HAVE IT OUT RIGHT NOW!

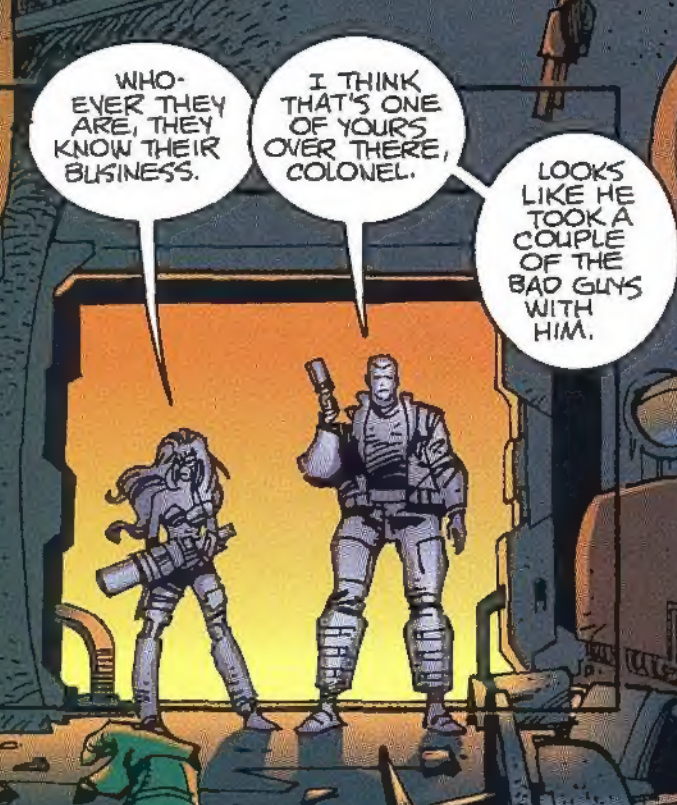
THEY'RE KILLING MY BOYS!

I NEVER ARGUE WITH A LADY, ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE'S ARMED.



THIRTEEN LEVELS AND FOUR TURBO-LIFTS LATER...

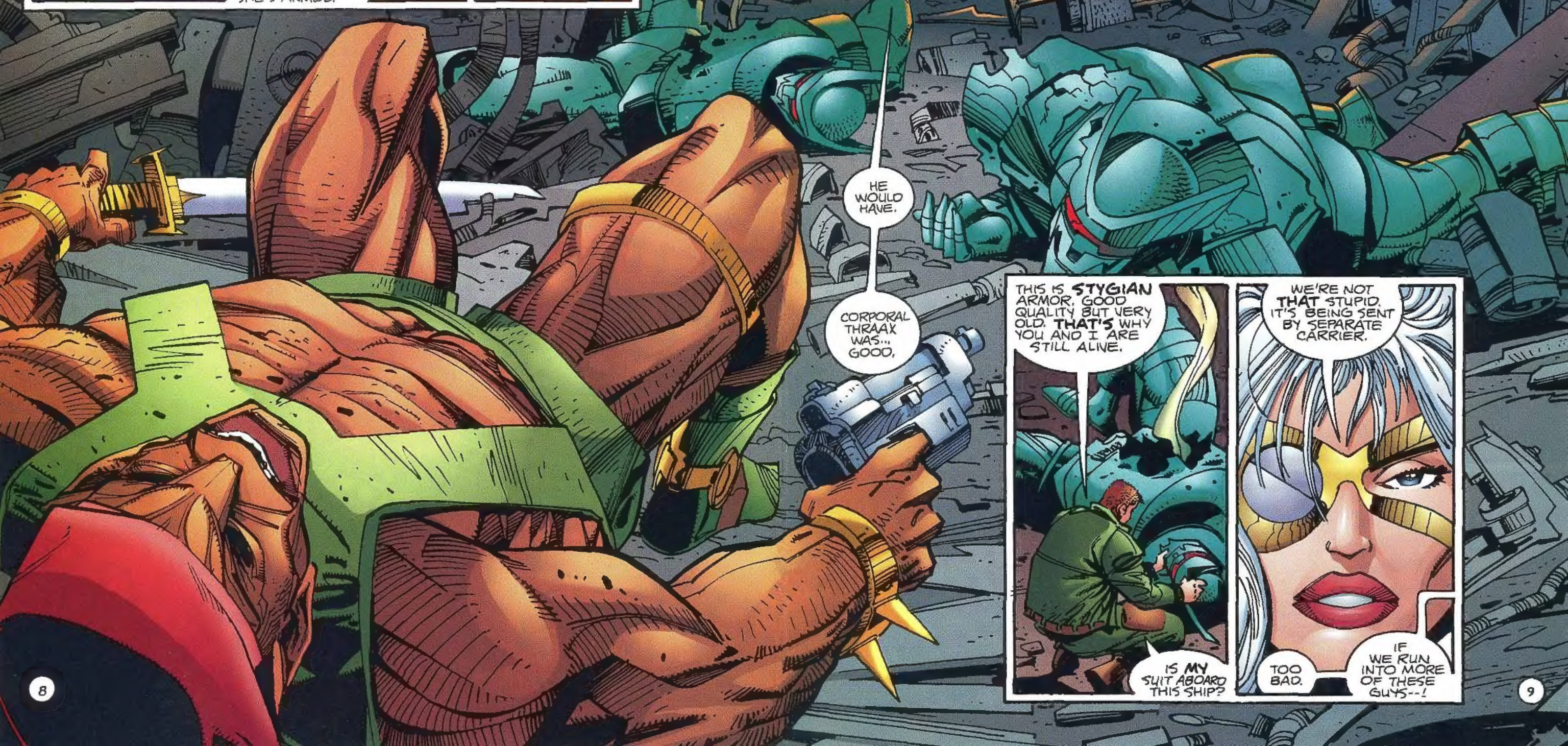
TOO LATE!



WHO-EVER THEY ARE, THEY KNOW THEIR BUSINESS.

I THINK THAT'S ONE OF YOURS OVER THERE, COLONEL.

LOOKS LIKE HE TOOK A COUPLE OF THE BAD GUYS WITH HIM.



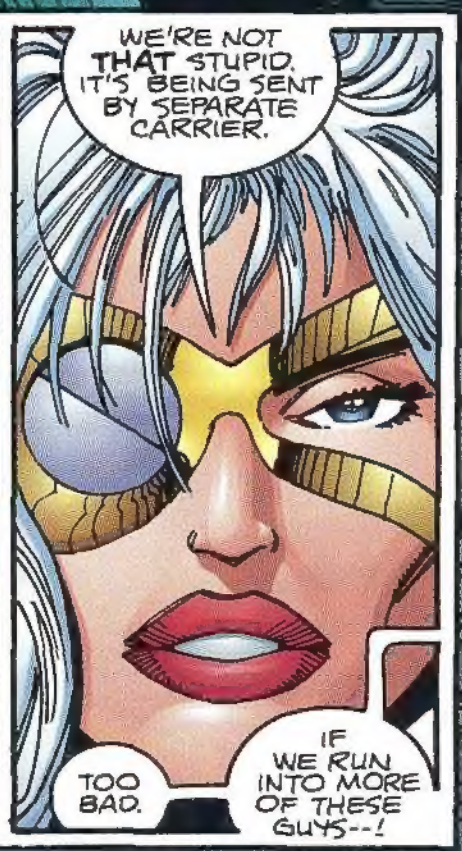
HE WOULD HAVE.

CORPORAL THRAAX WAS... GOOD,



THIS IS **STYGIAN** ARMOR. GOOD QUALITY BUT VERY OLD. **THAT'S** WHY YOU AND I ARE STILL ALIVE.

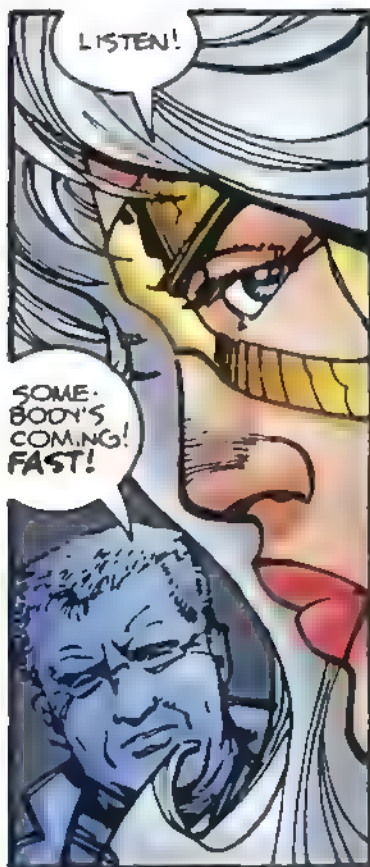
IS MY SUIT ABOARD THIS SHIP?



WE'RE NOT THAT STUPID. IT'S BEING SENT BY SEPARATE CARRIER.

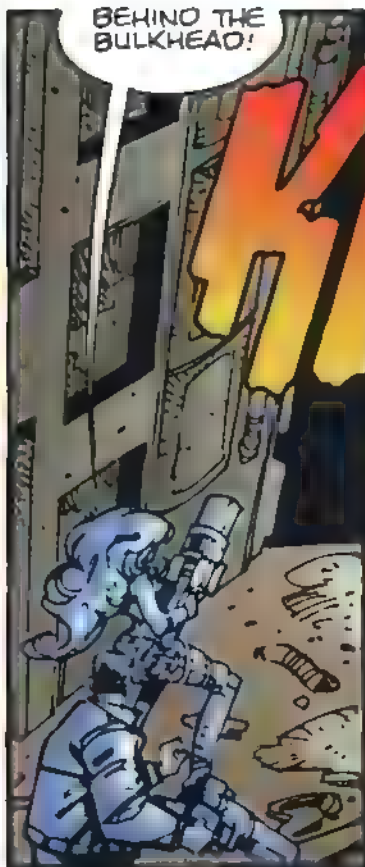
TOO BAD.

IF WE RUN INTO MORE OF THESE GUYS--!



LISTEN!

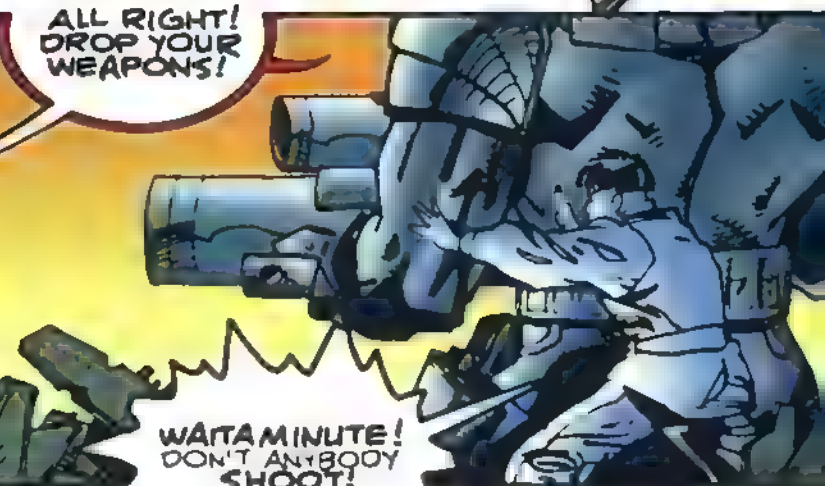
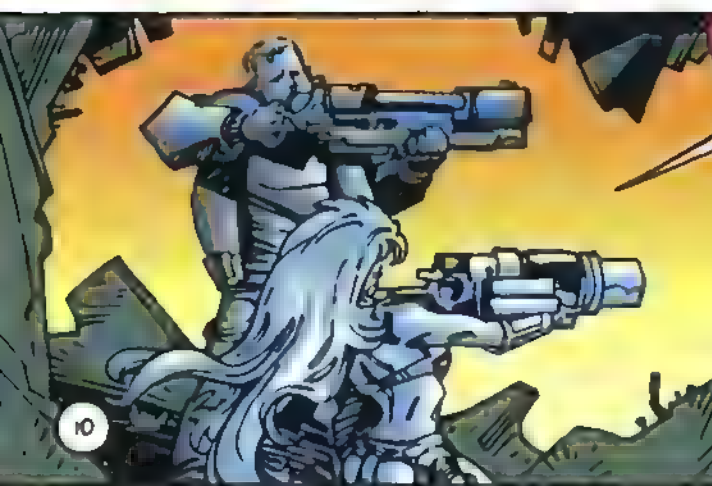
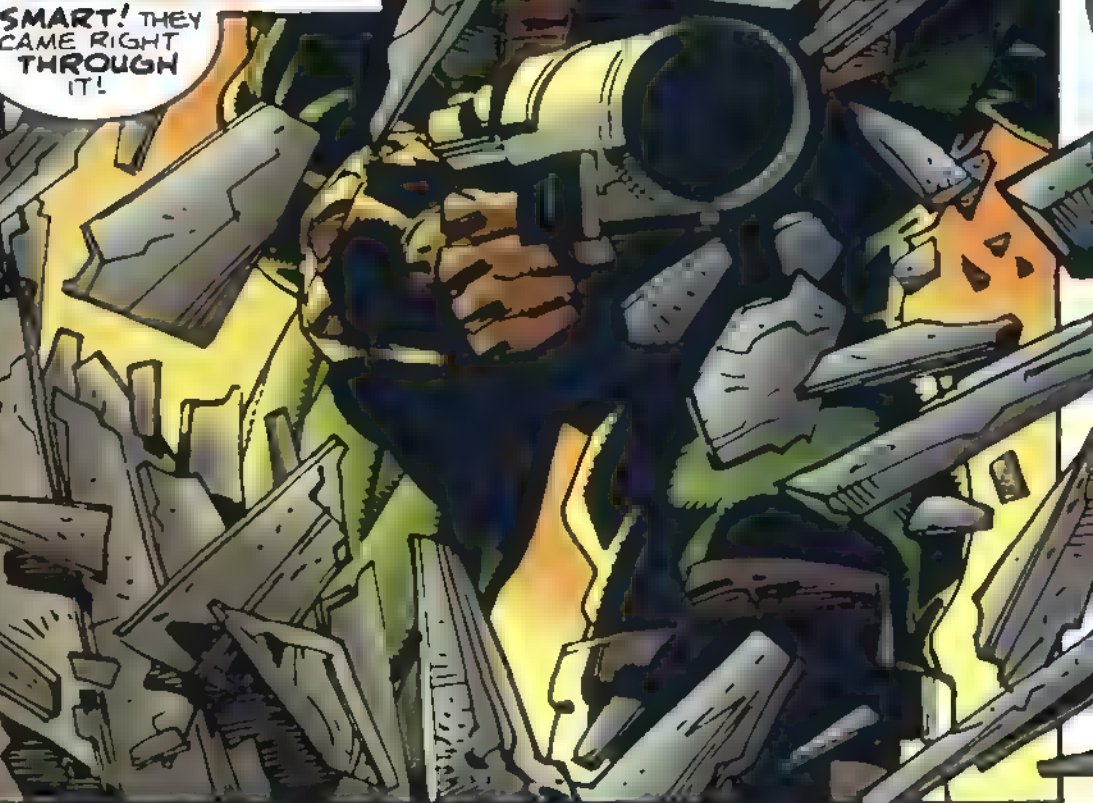
SOME-
BODY'S
COMING!
FAST!



BEHIND THE
BULKHEAD!

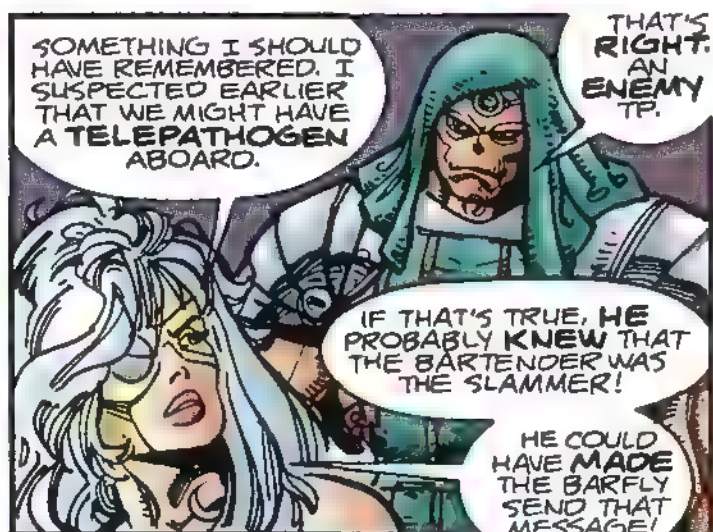
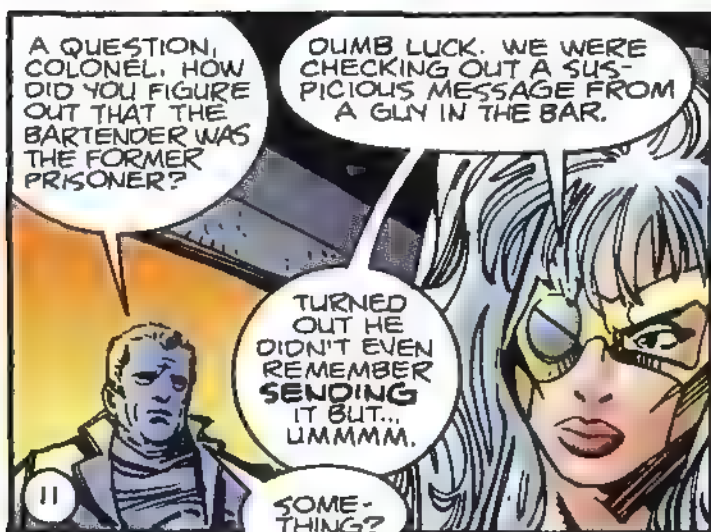


SMART! THEY
CAME RIGHT
THROUGH
IT!



ALL RIGHT!
DROP YOUR
WEAPONS!

WAIT A MINUTE!
DON'T ANYBODY
SHOOT!



THE BARFLY'S HEADACHE WASN'T A HANGOVER! HE'D BEEN BRAINWALKED TO GET US TO THE BAR TO FIND... AND KILL... THE ESCAPED PRISONER!

THE TP KNEW NO SLAMMER'D LET HIMSELF BE TAKEN ALIVE.

THE ORIGINAL BARTENDER WAS AN ASSASSIN IN DISGUISE. I FOUND HIS STUFF...

...AND TRADED PLACES WITH HIM.

HOW DID YOU --?

SAY, WHO IS THIS, ANYWAY?

OH, NO! IT'S HIM!

AH HA! THE LITTLE GAMES-PLAYER!

HIM WHO, KID? KEE-RIST! IT'S THE SLAMMER!

THE NAME'S ROJAS!

I'LL BET THESE KILLERS ARE SLAMMERS TRYING TO RESCUE THIS GUY!

WE OUGHT TO WASTE HIM RIGHT NOW!

EASE OFF, PRIVATE "THESE KILLERS" TRIED TO KILL HIM. ALLIES OF THE TELE-PATHOGEN AND THE ASSASSIN, MOST LIKELY.

THEY TRIED TO KILL ME, TOO. HE PROBABLY SAVED MY LIFE.

YEAH, BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT? MAYBE IT'S ALL A SET-UP! EVERYBODY KNOWS SLAMMERS'RE THE MOST DEVIOUS KILLERS IN THE UNIVERSE!

SURELY, WE'RE NOT MORE DEVIOUS THAN THE MOMRATH GRAVES OF BRILLIG 7?

YEAH? WELL,
MISTER SMART
GUY, MAYBE
YOU SNOWED
THE COLONEL,
BUT I THINK
WE'VE JUST
ABOUT--

GRIIPPI!

HEY!

UGGGGH!

I THINK
WE'VE JUST ABOUT
COME TO THE END
OF ANY USEFUL
DISCUSSION, DON'T
YOU?

COLONEL,
IF YOU'LL
EXAMINE THE
HELMET OF ONE
OF THE DEAD
COMMANDOS?

I THINK
YOU'LL FIND
SOMETHING
REVEALING.

I DON'T
NEED MY HONOR
DEFENDED,
PRIVATE STARK.
IT HASN'T BEEN
TAMPERED
WITH

NO,
S.R.

AND IF YOU TWO
GORILLAS HAVE QUITE
FINISHED BEATING
YOUR CHESTS...?

AS AN
ARMOR
EXPERT,
PRIVATE,
WHAT
DO YOU
MAKE OF
THIS?

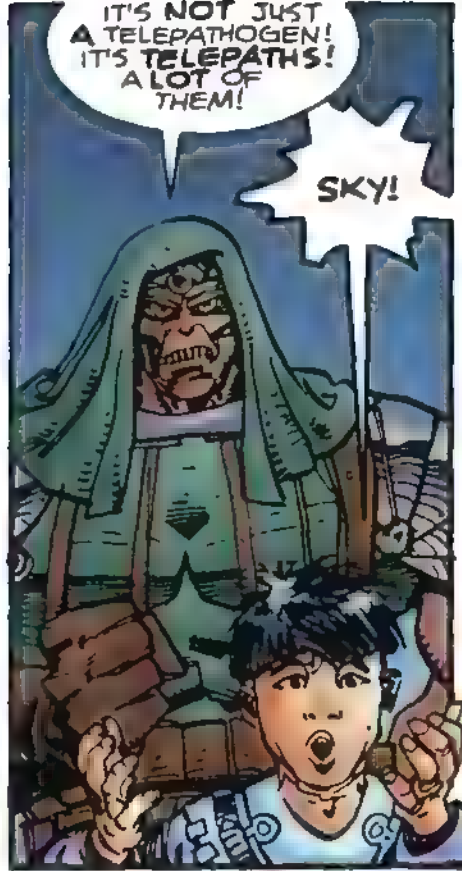
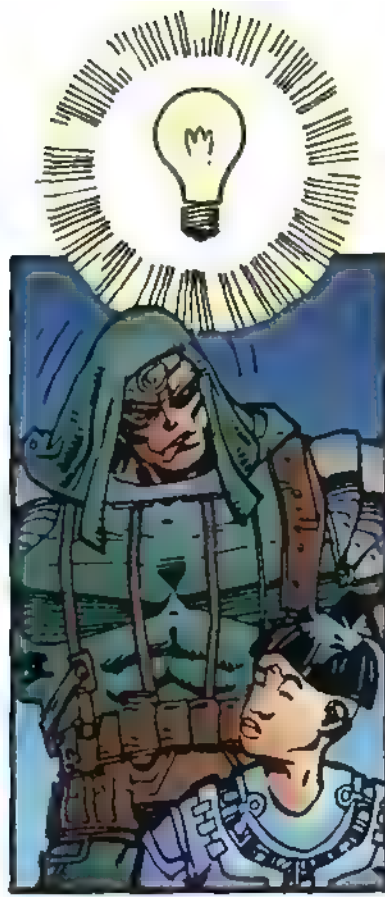


LOUSY LITTLE
BACKSTABBING--!

WHAT
WAS THAT,
PRNATE?

NOTHING, SIR.
THAT'S WEIRD
THERE'S NO
COMMUNICATOR
OF ANY KIND.

BUT WHO
WEARS BATTLE
ARMOR WITHOUT
COMMUNICATORS?



IT'S NOT JUST
A TELEPATHOGEN!
IT'S TELEPATHS!
A LOT OF
THEM!

SKY!



WASN'T SKY
THE NAME OF THE
VILLAGE WE
DESTROYED,
COLONEL?

YES. IT
WAS THE CORE
SETTLEMENT FOR
THE EMPIRE'S
TELEPATH
CLAN.



THIS
DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE.

I SAW
THAT BOTH
THE SERGEANT
AND PRIVATE
WERE WEAR-
ING BRAIN-
BLOCKERS
WHEN THEY
ARRIVED.

AND THEY'RE
THE ONLY TWO
OF YOUR COMMAND
WHO ESCAPED.

I SUSPECTED
SOMETHING
MORE THAN
COINCIDENCE
WHEN YOU FOUND
ME SO QUICKLY.
TELEPATHS HAD
OCCURRED
TO ME.

THE
EMPEROR
WOULDN'T GRIEVE
TO SEE SKY
DESTROYED, BUT
IF HE HAD HIRED
THE STAR SLAMMERS,
I'D HAVE KNOWN
ABOUT IT.

BESIDES,
WHEN WORD GOT
OUT, IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
POLITICAL
SUICIDE.

MAYBE IT'S
AN ASSISTED
SUICIDE.



GEEZUS!



THERE'S AN
AUXILIARY
COMMUNICA-
TION'S LINK
THAT THE SKYES
MAY NOT KNOW
ABOUT.

ROJAS?

ACCEPT
MY PAROLE.
IF THE
EMPIRE
DIDN'T
HIRE US, I'D
LIKE TO KNOW
WHO DID.
LET'S ROCK
'N' ROLL!



MEANWHILE, ON THE BRIDGE OF THE MEREDITH...

SOFTWARE SECURITY SYSTEMS BREACHED. ALL SHIPBOARD COMPUTERS ON LINE.

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK HAS BEEN FULLY REINTEGRATED UNDER OUR CONTROL.

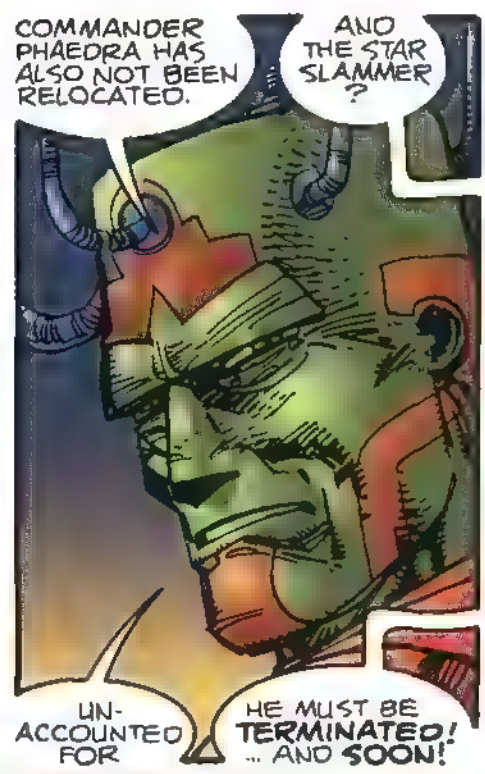
SHIP STATUS?

PASSENGER DECK SEALED. CREW HAS BEEN SEQUESTERED IN THE FORWARD STORAGE CHAMBERS.

TEAM NOVA'S BULLS HAVE BEEN NEUTRALIZED.

ALL OF THEM?

UH... NEARLY. WE HAVE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF A COUPLE OF BULLS STILL LOOSE. THEY.. MAY HAVE BEEN UNACCESSIBLE.



COMMANDER PHAEDRA HAS ALSO NOT BEEN RELOCATED.

AND THE STAR SLAMMER?

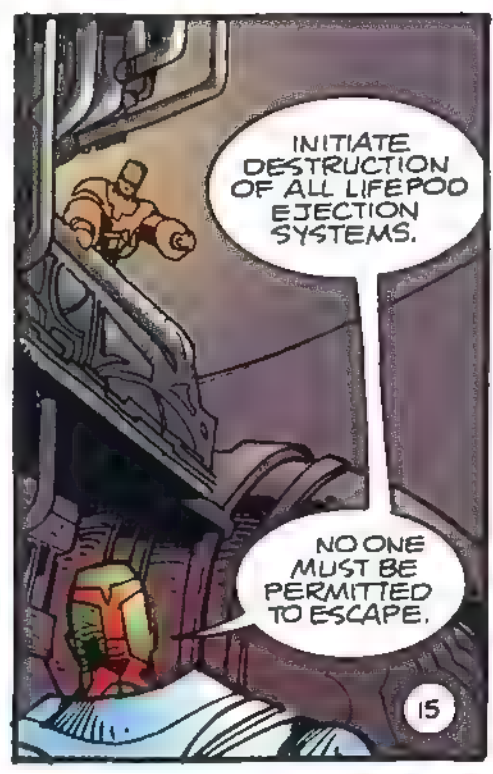
UN-ACCOUNTED FOR

HE MUST BE TERMINATED! ... AND SOON!



BEGIN SCANNING THE SHIP'S ENTIRE COMPANY! SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE HAS SEEN THESE PEOPLE! ACCESS THEM!

THAT WILL TELL US WHERE TO FIND THEM!



INITIATE DESTRUCTION OF ALL LIFEPOD EJECTION SYSTEMS.

NO ONE MUST BE PERMITTED TO ESCAPE.

COMMUNICATIONS UP AND RUNNING, SIR. I'VE GOT NETWORK HOLOCAST ON LINE!

THE FIRST OF OUR FEEDS IS COMING THROUGH!

AS REPORTED EARLIER, A DESPERATE ACT OF UNPARALLELED TERRORISM OCCURRED A FEW DAYS AGO ON THE FRINGES OF THE MINOAN EMPIRE.

WE ARE ONLY NOW RECEIVING THE FIRST HOLO-IMAGES OF THE AGONIZING DEATH OF THIS REMOTE AND PASTORAL COMMUNITY.

LOOK AND WITNESS FOR YOURSELVES THE DEATHS OF THESE HELPLESS, INNOCENT PEOPLE!

AND I ASK YOU, THE ORDINARY CITIZENS OF OUR OUTER SYSTEMS, THE MUCH-MALIGNED SPORADES...

...WHERE IS THE EMPEROR? WHERE ARE HIS TROOPS WHO PROTECT HIS CITIZENS?

HAS THE EMPEROR TURNED HIS BACK ON THE SPORADES TO LET THEM DIE LIKE DOGS WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT?

IS THIS TRULY THE MINOAN WAY?

PERFECT!

SIR! WE'VE FOUND THE ASSASSIN'S BODY IN CRYO-SUSPENSION.

LOOKS AS THOUGH THEY WERE WAITING TO EXAMINE HIM TILL THEY GOT HOME.

IMPLANTED FIBER OPTICS AND DIGITAL CARTRIDGES WERE INTACT.

AND...?

THEY FUNCTION PERFECTLY. WE'VE GOT THE SLAMMER'S LIKENESS BEFORE HE KILLED THE ASSASSIN.

EXCELLENT. PHAEDRA'S MESSAGE TO THE EMPEROR DETAILING THE SLAMMER'S ESCAPE IS GOING TO SAVE US SOME TIME AND TROUBLE.

START FEEDING THE IMAGES INTO THE BLENDER AND GET TO WORK.

AT ONCE!

AND AT THAT MOMENT,
SOMEWHERE BELOW
THE BRIDGE IN THE
PASSENGER DECKS...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!

A CRIMMY
FUGITIVE
ON MY OWN
SHIP!

THAT LOUSY COLONEL
PHAEORA! IF SHE
HADN'T ORDERED THE
MEREDITH UNDER
MARTIAL LAW AND
TAKEN COMMAND,
NONE OF THIS WOULD
HAVE HAPPENED!

NOBODY
WOULD'VE
CAUGHT ME
BY SURPRISE
IF I'D BEEN--
WHO'S
THERE?

O...DOPON'T
MOVE! I'VE
GGOT YOU C...
CCOVERED!

OHHHHH!

CAPTAIN SALARDO!
THANK GOD IT'S YOU!
I WAS SO FRIGHTENED!
THEY HAVEN'T CAUGHT
ME, EITHER!

I WAS
WORRIED YOU
MIGHT HAVE
BEEN ONE
OF THOSE
HORRIBLE
THINGS IN
ARMOR!

I... I
BEG YOUR
PARDON?

OH, SURELY
YOU HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN ALREADY,
CYRENE DEMILO?

YOU INVITED
ME TO DINE
AT THE CAPTAIN'S
TABLE THE FIRST
NIGHT OUT?

WELL...

OH! OH!
OF COURSE!
MS. DEMILO!

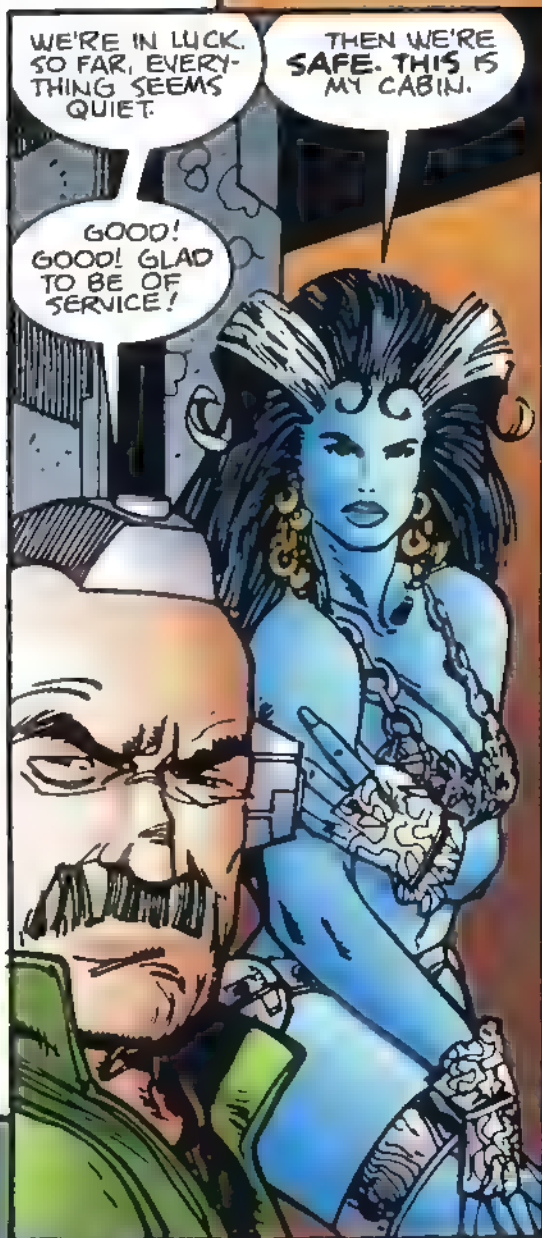
MY
APOLOGIES.
IT'S JUST THAT
THINGS HAVE
BEEN SO...
CONFUSED!

I KNOW!
I KNOW!
BUT WE
SHOULDN'T
TALK
HERE!

MORE OF
THOSE AWFUL
MEN MIGHT
COME ALONG
AT ANY
MOMENT!

WOULD
YOU ESCORT ME
BACK TO MY CABIN
BEFORE WE'RE CAUGHT
HERE IN THE OPEN?

OH,
THANK
YOU, CAPTAIN!
I JUST **KNEW**
YOU WERE A
MAN A WOMAN
COULD
DEPEND
ON!



WE'RE IN LUCK.
SO FAR, EVERY-
THING SEEMS
QUIET.

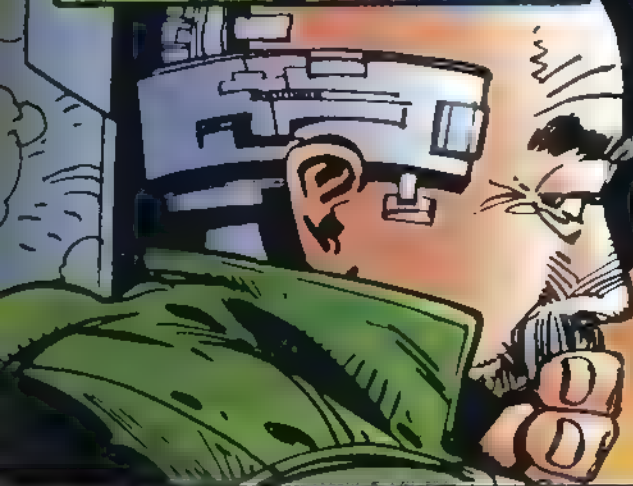
THEN WE'RE
SAFE. THIS IS
MY CABIN.

GOOD!
GOOD! GLAD
TO BE OF
SERVICE!



WON'T YOU...
COME IN? I'D
LIKE TO **REALLY**
THANK YOU FOR
SAVING
ME.

WE COULD
EVEN HIDE HERE
...**TOGETHER.**

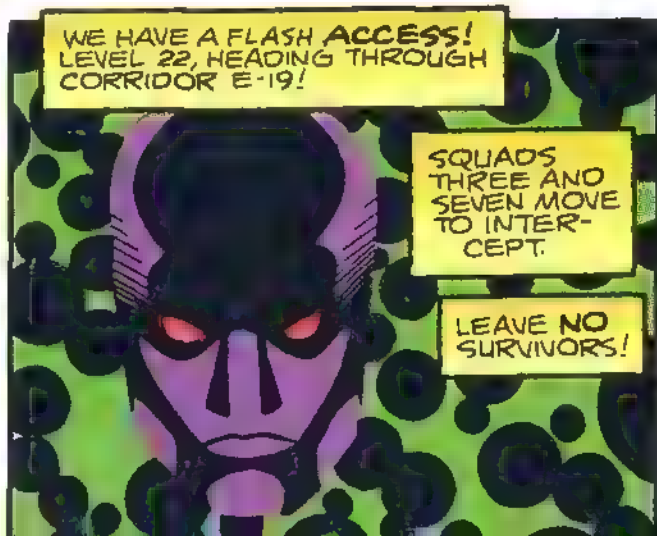
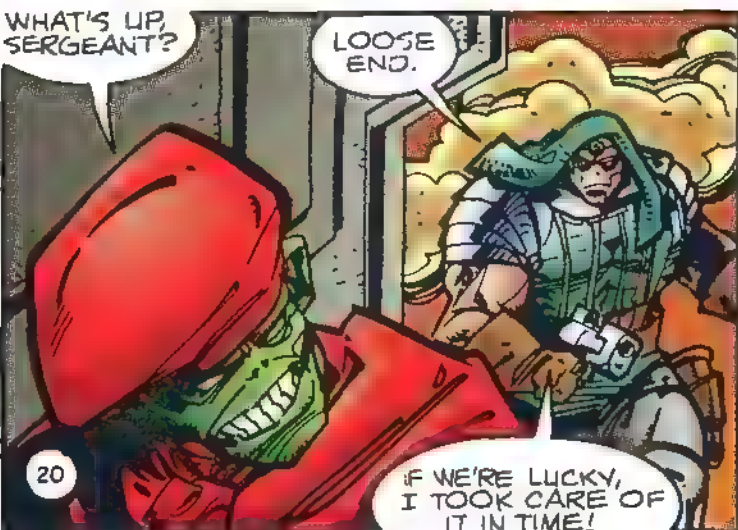
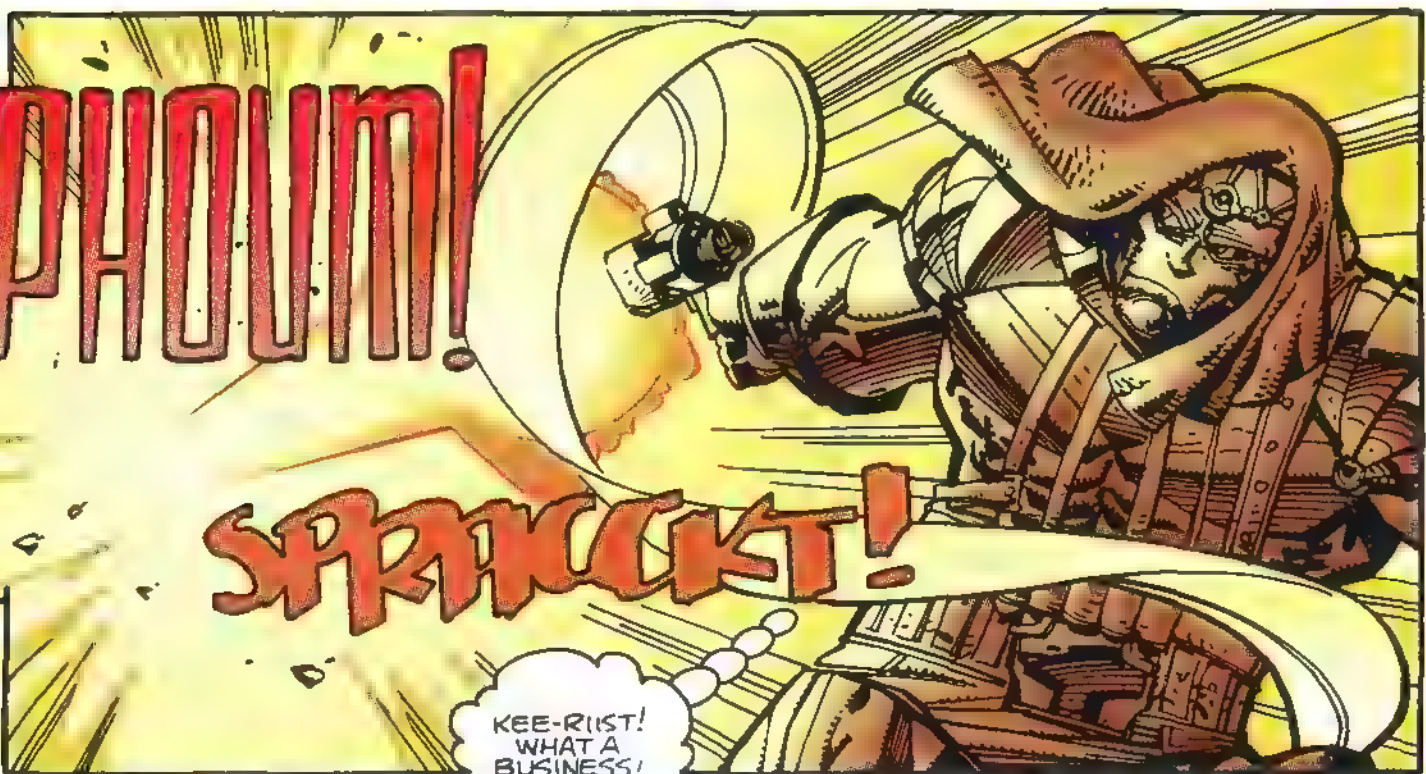
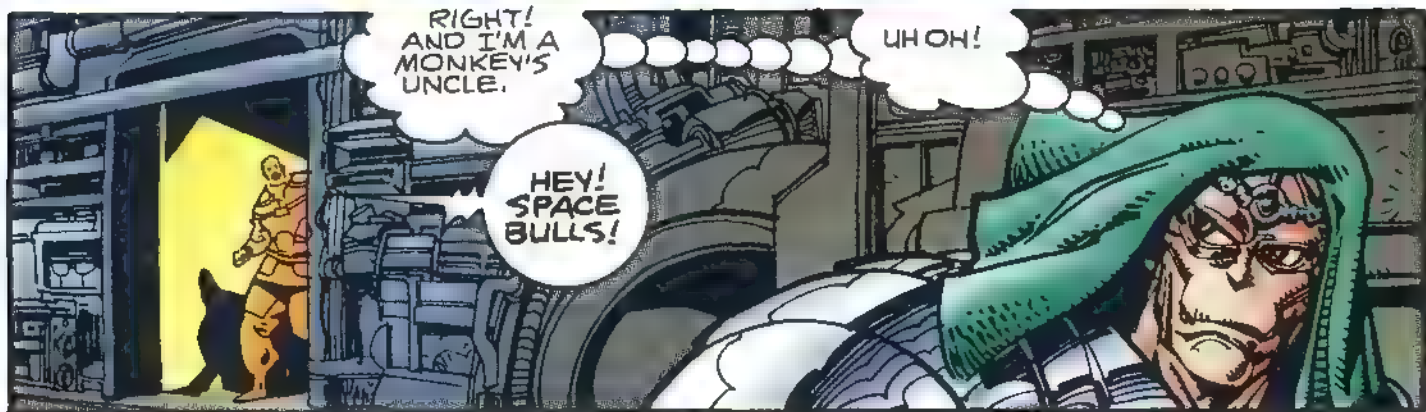


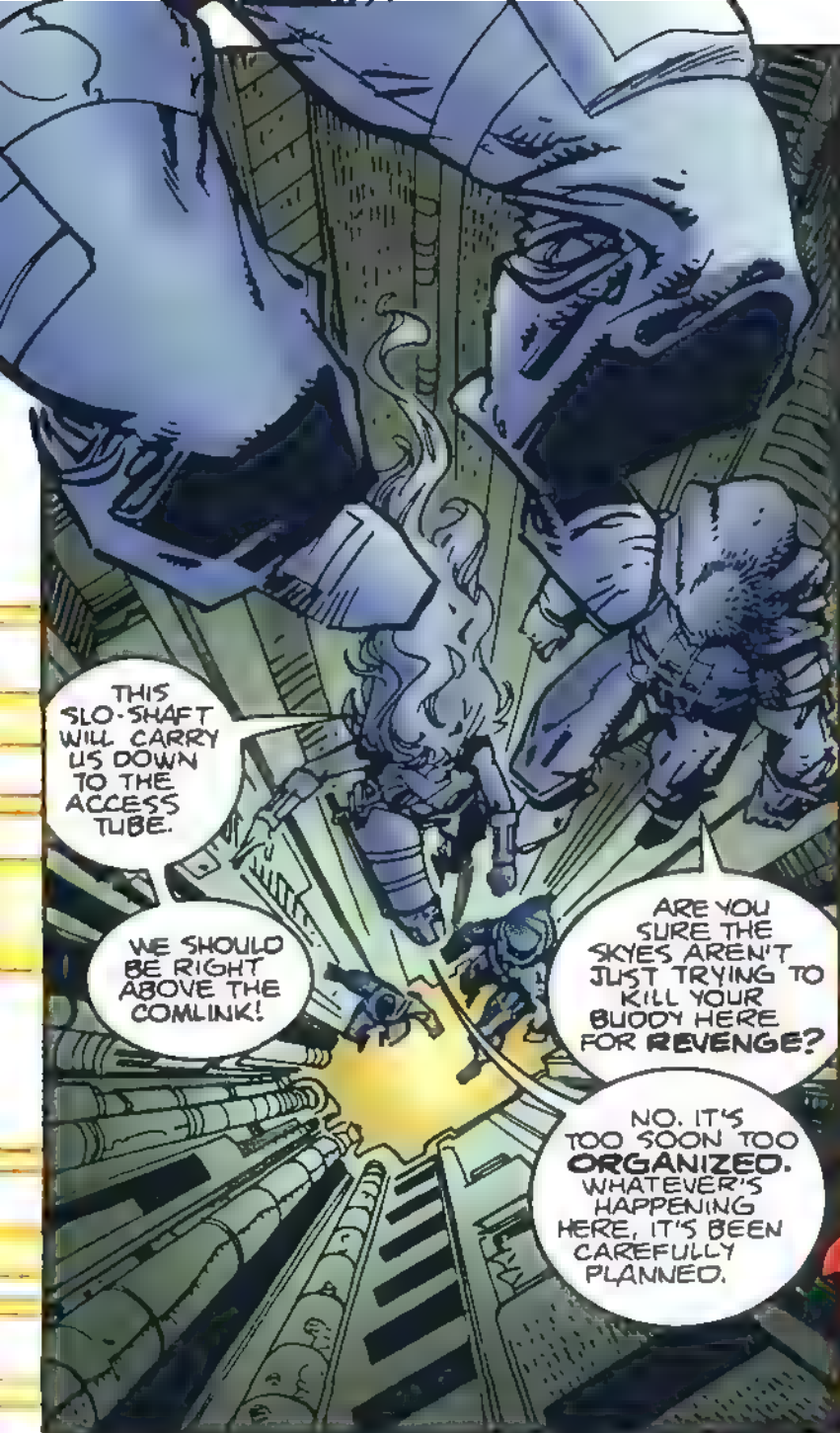
HUMPF!
SHOULDN'T,
REALLY!
FRATERNIZING
WITH THE
PASSENGERS
AND ALL THAT!
PROHIBITED,
YOU KNOW!

I WON'T
TELL! AND
BESIDES,
THERE'S
NOTHING
FRATERNAL
ABOUT WHAT
I HAVE IN
MIND.

HMMMM
MMMMM?

CKKLIKKK!





THIS SLO-SHAFT WILL CARRY US DOWN TO THE ACCESS TUBE.

WE SHOULD BE RIGHT ABOVE THE COMLINK!

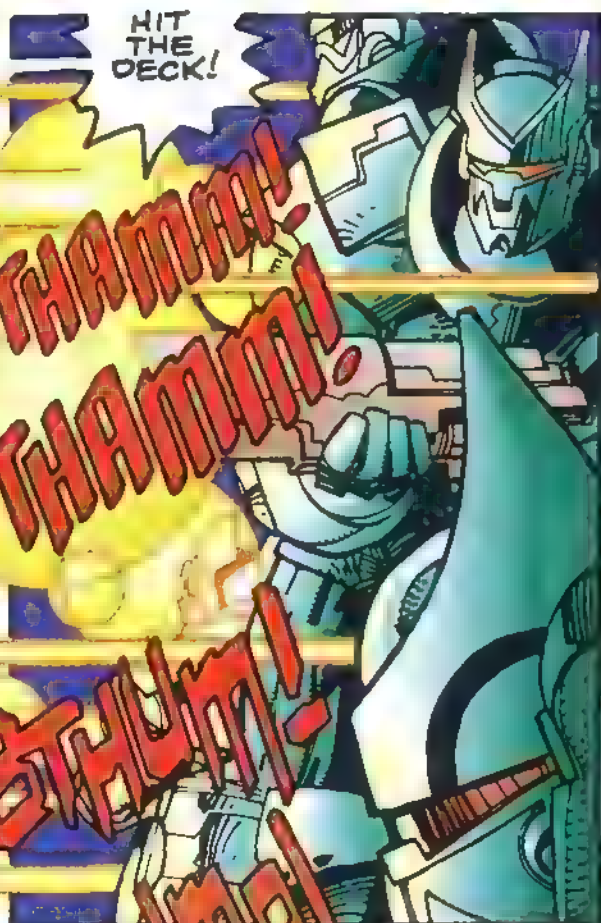
ARE YOU SURE THE SKYES AREN'T JUST TRYING TO KILL YOUR BUDDY HERE FOR REVENGE?

NO. IT'S TOO SOON TOO ORGANIZED. WHATEVER'S HAPPENING HERE, IT'S BEEN CAREFULLY PLANNED.

I DON'T LIKE IT, COLONEL. SOMETHING SMELLS WRONG!

GET EVERYBODY BACK IN THE SHAFT!

TOO LATE!



HIT THE DECK!

THAMM!

THAMM!

THUM!

THUMP!

THUMP!

THUMP!



STAY BEHIND ME, KID! THERE'S A COUPLE DOZEN OF 'EM!

THEY'VE GOT US PINNED DOWN!



AND THAT IS THAT!

THEY'RE TRAPPED IN A CUL-DE-SAC, SIR. ALL OF THEM.

WELL DONE.

HEY, LOOK! IT'S SONG-BIRD!

YEAH! AND IT LOOKS LIKE SHE GOT HER MAN!

NOW, BOYS, SHOW A LITTLE MORE RESPECT FOR YOUR ELDERS.

THIS IS CAPTAIN SALARDO, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE MEREDITH.

HE'S MADLY IN LOVE WITH ME. AREN'T YOU, DARLING?

YOU KNOW I AM, MY DEAREST.

IN FACT...

...I DOUBT IF HE CAN EVEN SEE ANYONE ELSE AT THIS POINT...

...EXCEPT ME. MODIFIED, OF COURSE.

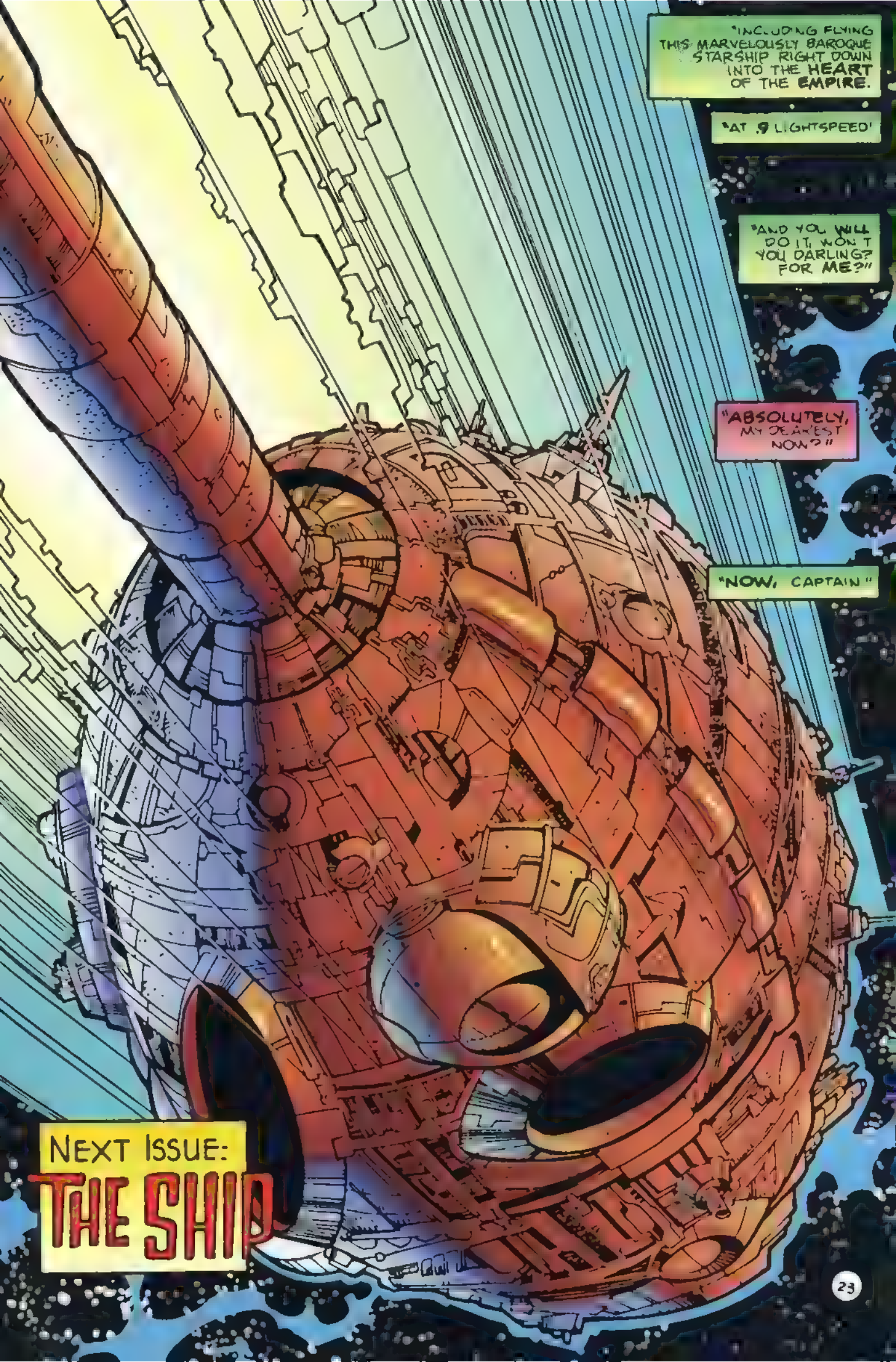
SO WHAT AVATAR ARE YOU USING THIS TIME?

CYRENE. SHE'S A WONDERFUL ATTENTION-GETTER.

AND THE GOOD CAPTAIN IS BASICALLY A SIMPLE MAN. WITH SIMPLE DESIRES.

AND WHAT HE DESIRES ... IS ME.

WHICH IS WHY HE'LL DO ANYTHING I ASK.



"INCLUDING FLYING
THIS MARVELOUSLY BAROQUE
STARSHIP RIGHT DOWN
INTO THE HEART
OF THE EMPIRE."

"AT .9 LIGHTSPEED"

"AND YOU WILL
DO IT, WON'T
YOU DARLING?
FOR ME?"

"ABSOLUTELY,
MY DEAREST
NOW?"

"NOW, CAPTAIN"

NEXT ISSUE:

THE SHIP

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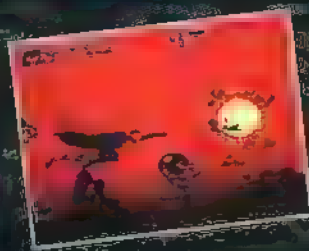
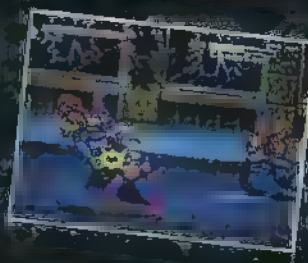


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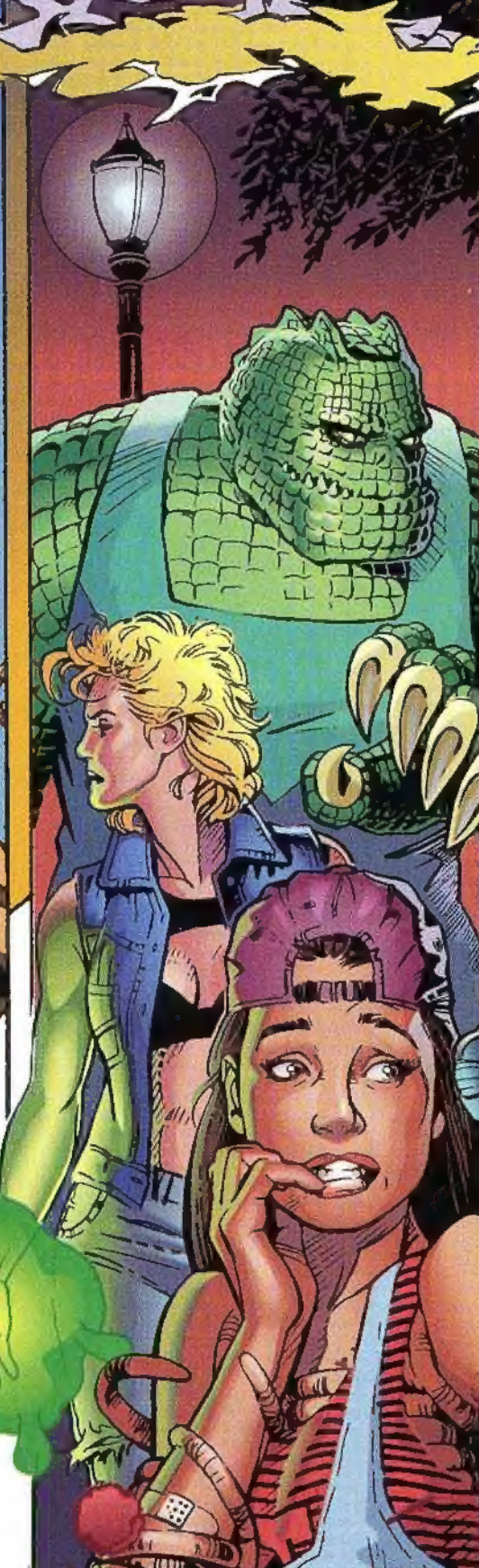
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Things are heating right up here in Southern California as I lean back in air conditioned comfort with my diet soda to write another "News From Bravura" column. Luckily for me, there's a lot to talk about this month.

As you are all probably aware, summer means convention season, and I've been on the primrose convention path all season long. This has been a good thing because I have had the opportunity to meet many interesting people and answer a lot of questions pertaining to Bravura. But, as one might expect, people tend to ask the same questions. I thought, and promised to a few fellows up in Chicago, that I would address those questions in this month's column so more than just a few convention-goers would understand.

Our main topic of concern today: The Bravura Gold Stamp Program. For all you stamp collecting fiends out there, several questions have arisen. Let me clarify the most popular ones so far:

Q: Can you use the wild stamps more than once?

A: Absolutely not. "One chance, one shot is all anybody ever got."

Q: Do I only get to hand in one card?

A: Absolutely not. Hand in as many as you want with as many different tiers filled out as you want. You can target which special edition silver or gold book you would like to win, and plan your cards from there. You can fill out one tier for one book on one card and then all the tiers for all the books on another card and so on and so on. That's what

we mean by "Fan enough." When enough is enough is entirely up to you.

Q: Do the tiers go silver, gold, silver, gold, gold? Or is it for any one tier you get a silver, for any two tiers you get a gold, etc?

A: This is by far the most confusing question, and the most popular. According to the rules which accompany the Gold Stamp Cards (on the back), silver and golds are only available for certain tiers (and that title) only. For instance, if you fill out the *Power & Glory* tier—and that's it—you would in turn receive a gold *Power & Glory* special edition issue. If you were to fill out both the *Breed* and the *Power & Glory* tiers, you would receive a silver *Breed* #1 and a gold *Power & Glory* #1.

Q: Do I have to write in for Gold Stamp Cards every time I need another one?

A: No! Simply photocopy, photocopy, photocopy!

If you are wondering about what Bravura has in store for your future, hop over to your favorite comic shop and pick up *The Bravura Preview Book 1995*. There, in wonderful 4-fold color, we have detailed exactly what to be looking for in the coming year. Don't be shy and go get one of your own right now!

I think that wraps it up. If I've forgotten your favorite Bravura question, or left out some tidbit of information imperative to your sanity, drop me a line here at Malibu and I'll see what I can do. In the meantime, here's the list of what to expect from us this month.

Til October—Kara Lamb

BRAVURA WATCH

▼ THE BRAVURA PREVIEW BOOK #2:

That's right, the second wave of Bravura books are about to rush over us like Maui surfing sets. Pick up this year's PREVIEW BOOK and see what all the hubbub is about.

▼ DREADSTAR #4:

It's a reunion! This month Kalla meets some very influential ladies and discovers more secrets from her past. In doing so, however, she has slipped away from the Lord High Papal and he is not pleased.

▼ EDGE #2:

He has watched them slowly get out of hand. Now, after the death of his brother and father, Eric Carnell has once again donned the Edge guise to put an end to The Ultimates. But they have identified him as their adversary and, though shocked, have begun their hunt for him while Eric ponders his options.

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